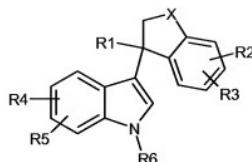


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Formula I

wherein,

X represents -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, CH₂CH₂CH₂-, CH₂O-, CH₂S-, or CH₂NR¹⁰- or -CH₂O-;

R¹ represents hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine;

R² represents hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

R³ represents hydrogen, halo, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

R⁴ represents NHSO₂CH₃;

R⁵ represents hydrogen;

R⁶ represents hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

R⁷ represents (C₁-C₄)alkyl, aryl, NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine;

R⁸ represents (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, or aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy;

R⁹ represents (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, and

R¹⁰ represents hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to Claim 3Claim 1 wherein X represents -CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂-.
5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to Claim 3Claim 1 wherein X represents -CH₂O-.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine.
8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein R¹ represents methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine.
9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R² represents hydrogen, halo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle.
10. (Original) The compound according to Claim 9 wherein R² represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, or isopropyl.
11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R³ represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or bromo.
12. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R³ represents hydrogen or fluoro.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R⁶ represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.
19. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Cancelled)
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28. (Cancelled)
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Cancelled)
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of N-[3-(1-Ethyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6-Fluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6,8-Difluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(4-Ethyl-7-fluoro-chroman-4-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, and N-[3-(1-Cyclopropyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.